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X-MEN AGE of APOCALYPSE

I AM THE WATCHER.
IT IS MY CHARGE TO OBSERVE AND RECORD THE HISTORY OF YOUR PLANET, AS WELL AS ITS DIVERGENT DIMENSIONS.
IN MANY OF THESE ALTERNATE REALITIES I HAVE WITNESSED GRAND ANOMALIES, FOR INSTANCE, A MUTANT KNOWN AS LEGION TRAVELS BACKWARDS THROUGH TIME, TO KILL THE MUTANT MAGNETO. IN MOST, MAGNETO IS SPARED WHEN CHARLES XAVIER SACRIFICES HIMSELF.
BUT XAVIER IS A MAN OF SINGULAR SIGNIFICANCE, AND HIS DEATH HURLS EARTH INTO A BLEAKNESS KNOWN AS THE AGE OF APOCALYPSE.
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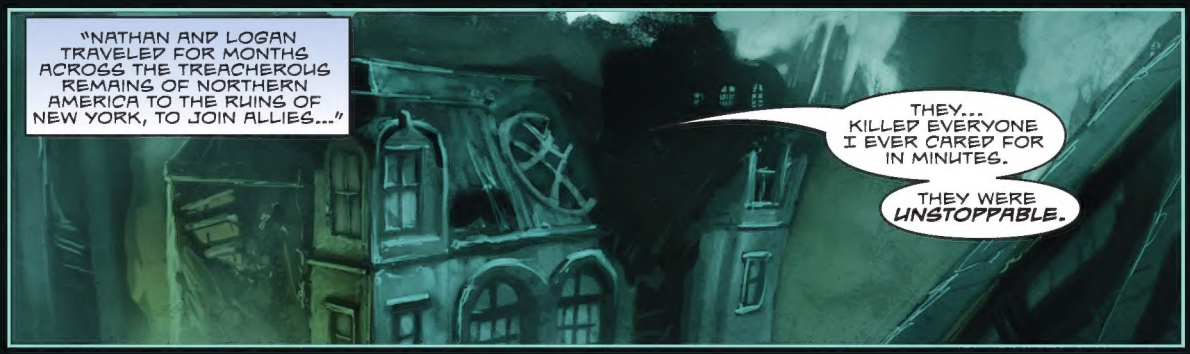
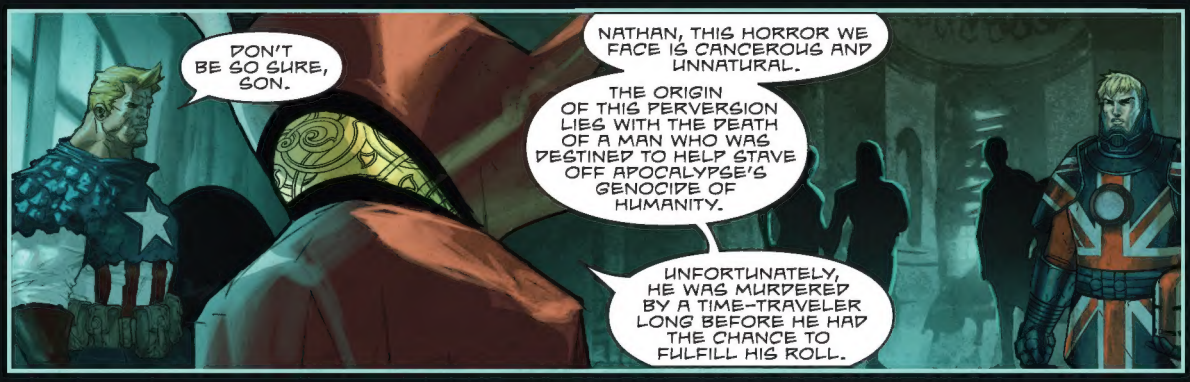
"HOWEVER, THE REIGN OF THE VILLAIN KNOWN AS APOCALYPSE UNFOLDS IN VASTLY DIFFERENT WAYS ACROSS THE MULTIVERSE. FOR INSTANCE...
...WHAT IF LEGION HAD KILLED XAVIER AND MAGNETO?
"IN THIS WORLD, LEGION'S ATTACK ENDED IN COUNTLESS GRUESOME DEATHS. THIS WOULD BE HUMANITY'S FIRST INTRODUCTION TO THE EXISTENCE OF MUTANTS.
"PANICKED GOVERNMENTS PLACED MUTANTS IN CONCENTRATION CAMPS, THUS TEMPORARILY SUPPRESSING APOCALYPSE'S DOMINATION OVER HUMANITY.
"THE WORLD FLOURISHED WITH NON-MUTANT SUPERHUMANS...
"...WHILE KA-ZAR OF THE HIDDEN SAVAGE LAND OFFERED MUTANTS REFUGE.
"EVENTUALLY, APOCALYPSE AMASSED AND UNLEASHED AN ARMY OF MUTANT STORM TROOPERS ALL FUELED BY INDIGNATION BORN OF THE INJUSTICES THEY HAD SUFFERED AT THE HANDS OF HUMANITY.
"THEIR ONSLAUGHT CAME WITH SUCH DEADLY AND SWIFT PRECISION THAT SOON NONE WERE LEFT TO OPPOSE THEM.
"APOCALYPSE ERECTED ENORMOUS SLAUGHTERHOUSES TO EXTERMINATE THE REMAINING HUMAN POPULATION.
"ALL MUTANTS AND SUPERHUMANS BECAME SERVANTS TO THE REGIME OF APOCALYPSE-- OR THEY, TOO, WERE EXECUTED."
THAT YOU SPARE ATLANTIS-- I AM WILLING TO SERVE YOU.

"DECADES LATER, AS THE REST OF THE WORLD WILTED UNDER APOCALYPSE, THE SAVAGE LAND NOT ONLY REMAINED UNSPOILED, IT FLOURISHED.
"MOST OF THE INHABITANTS BELIEVED THAT APOCALYPSE HAD EXTENDED MERCY TO THEM, HIS KIN.
"SOME KNEW BETTER..."
"ALTHOUGH JEAN AND SCOTT SUMMERS HAD TRAINED NATE TO BE READY FOR THE DAY WHEN APOCALYPSE ATTACKED, NO ONE COULD EVER HAVE PREPARED THE BOY FOR WHAT WAS TO COME."
JEAN, WHAT'S WRONG?
SCOTT-- THEY'RE COMING!
ZROOM
LEAVE NONE ALIVE.
FOR THE GLORY OF APOCALYPSE-- DEATH TO TRAITORS!
EXCELLENT WORK, NATE.
SEEMS LIKE OUR KID'S TELEKINESIS HAS GROWN BEYOND EVEN YOURS, JEAN.
LET'S MAKE SURE HE ENDS UP AT LEAST AS COCKY AS YOUR BROTHER.
AH-- DON'T WORRY, MOM. YOU'RE STILL THE QUEEN OF TELEPATHY.
SAURON, GET NATHAN OUT OF HERE NOW!
NO! LET ME STAY!
YOU'RE TOO IMPORTANT TO DIE HERE, NATHAN!
DINO-BOY'S ESCAPING!
AYE, THEY'LL NOT MAKE IT FAR.
SLLLLLL
THOOM
"NATHAN SUMMERS HAD ONLY KNOWN PARADISE.
AS HE FLED THE DESTRUCTION OF HIS HOME AND THE SLAUGHTER OF THOSE HE LOVED, HE NOW FELT ONLY...
"...RAGE.

"SAURON CARRIED NATHAN THROUGH THE BITTER COLD OF THE SURROUNDING ANTARCTIC AS FAR AS HE COULD..."
PLUNT
GET UP!
WAIT... WE'RE NOT ALONE HERE...
I... CAN'T...
YOU TRYING TO SNEAK UP ON A TELEPATH?
NOPE.
JUST FIGURED THIS WAS WHERE THE POLAR BEAR CLUB WAS MEETIN'--
OOF--!
I'LL KILL YOU! I'LL KILL APOCALYPSE!
THERE'S A THIRD CLAW, BUB--THINK YOU CAN FRY MY NOODLE 'FORE I SINK IT THROUGH YA?
I AIN'T HERE FER A TUSSLE, SON--AND I SURE AS SPIT AIN'T FRIEND TO APOCALYPSE.
BE A LOT EASIER IF YOU'D JUST COME WITH ME.
MAN WHO SENT ME MADE IT SOUND LIKE YOU MIGHT BE OUR LAST HOPE.


"NATHAN AND LOGAN TRAVELED FOR MONTHS ACROSS THE TREACHEROUS REMAINS OF NORTHERN AMERICA TO THE RUINS OF NEW YORK, TO JOIN ALLIES..."
THEY... KILLED EVERYONE I EVER CARED FOR IN MINUTES.
THEY WERE UNSTOPPABLE.


DON'T BE SO SURE, SON.
NATHAN, THIS HORROR WE FACE IS CANCEROUS AND UNNATURAL.
THE ORIGIN OF THIS PERVERSION LIES WITH THE DEATH OF A MAN WHO WAS DESTINED TO HELP STAVE OFF APOCALYPSE'S GENOCIDE OF HUMANITY.
UNFORTUNATELY, HE WAS MURDERED BY A TIME-TRAVELER LONG BEFORE HE HAD THE CHANCE TO FULFILL HIS ROLL.

I WAS PRESENT WHEN MY PREDECESSOR, STEPHEN STRANGE, GAVE HIS LIFE TO UNCOVER THIS INFORMATION.
WITH HIS DYING BREATH, HE FORBADE MY TRAVELING BACK IN TIME TO RECTIFY THIS ANOMALY.
WE HAVE ACCEPTED THE WISDOM IN STEPHEN'S WISHES. THERE ARE BOUNDLESS RADICALS TO FACTOR INTO THE EQUATION WHEN TIME-TRAVELING--WE ARE BETTER SERVED DESTROYING APOCALYPSE AND MENDING THE WORLD IN WHICH WE LIVE.
THERE IS STILL HOPE.

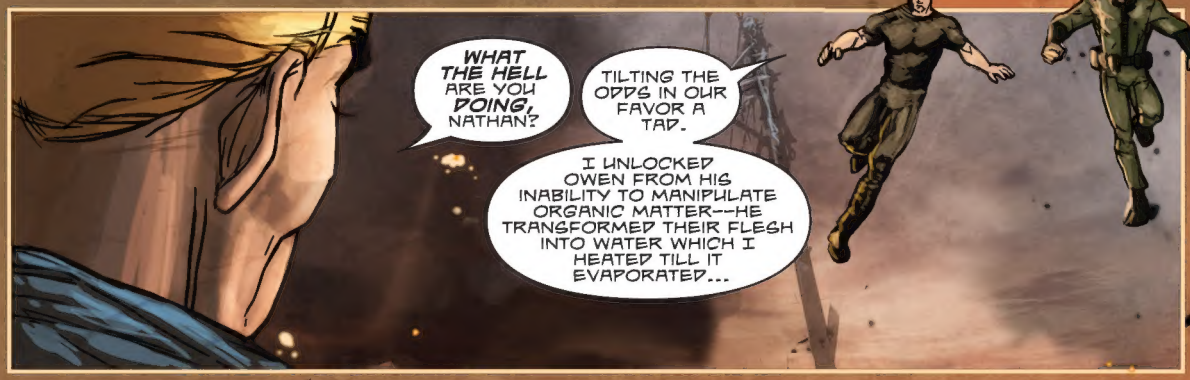
STEPHEN BELIEVED YOU WERE THE KEY TO THAT HOPE.
WE MAY ONLY BE A SMALL UNIT OF RESISTANCE FIGHTERS--BUT AS FAR AS BROTHER VOODOO AND I KNOW, WE'RE THE LAST LIVING HUMANS WITH THE POWER TO RESIST APOCALYPSE.

WHEN MY DAD WAS MY AGE, HE GOUGED HIS EYES OUT TO SLIP PAST THE POLICE... SO, I DON'T HAVE MUCH LOVE FOR HUMANITY...
...BUT IF I'M THE KEY TO DESTROYING APOCALYPSE, THEN NO MATTER WHAT IT TAKES--THAT'S WHAT I'LL DO.

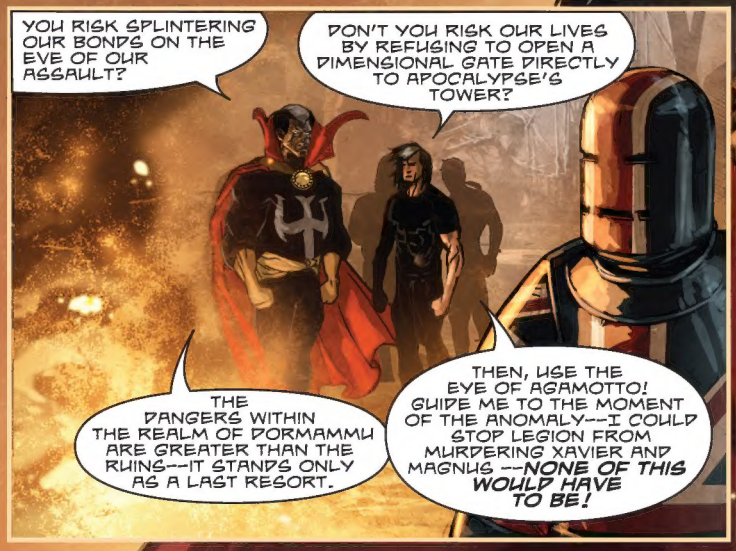
"MONTHS LATER, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF WW II VETERAN, STEVEN ROGERS, THIS SMALL TEAM BECAME A PRECISION UNIFIED COMBAT UNIT."
ANY IDEAS WHO OUR VISITORS ARE, BEN?
BIG GALOOT IN THE CENTER'S CRUSHER CREEL, THE OTHER TWO, I AIN'T GOTS A CLUE.
SCOUTS, PROBABLY. THEY'VE GOTTEN TOO CLOSE TO LET THEM PASS.
YOU READY?
NAH, BUT I AIN'T GOT NUT'N ELSE TA DO.
DEFENDERS ASSEMBLE!
GHA--!
THAP
LOOKIN' SOFT, CARL.
OOF--!
QUICK AND QUIET, MATES!
NATE, YOU SAID IF I STAYED WITH YOU GUYS, THERE'D BE NO MORE FIGHTING...
OWEN, YOU'VE GOT TO GET OVER YOUR INSECURITIES, FOR GOD'S SAKES-- YOU'RE THE MOLECULE MAN!
I-I...
I'M GONNA GIVE YOU A PSIONIC NUDGE AND UNLOCK YOU FROM THESE HANG-UPS...
...BUT YOU NEED TO TRUST ME.

OKAY, I TRUST YOU--
EEEERT

VRR-BOOM
YERAGHHH--!
DEAR GOD--NO!


WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING, NATHAN?
TILTING THE ODDS IN OUR FAVOR A TAD.
I UNLOCKED OWEN FROM HIS INABILITY TO MANIPULATE ORGANIC MATTER--HE TRANSFORMED THEIR FLESH INTO WATER WHICH I HEATED TILL IT EVAPORATED...

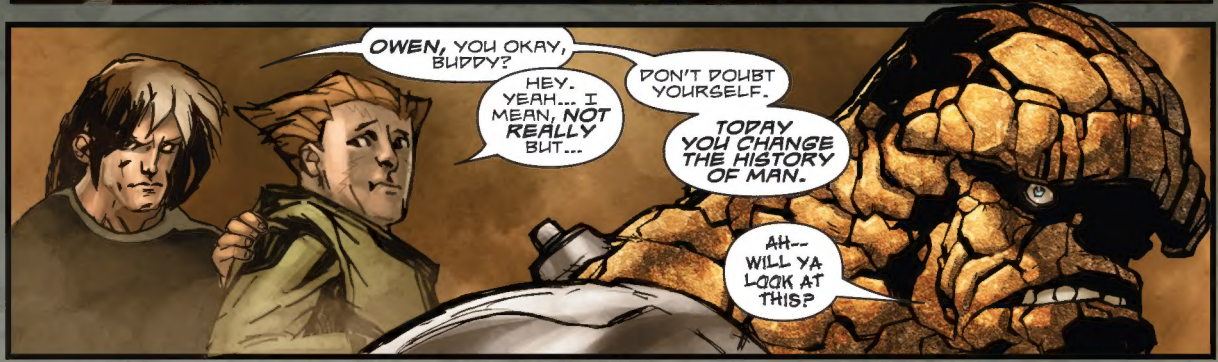
I WILL NOT TAKE PART IN NEEDLESS MURDER.
DEFINE NEEDLESS.
WE HAD THE SITUATION UNDER CONTROL!
I'M WITH THE KID--AIN'T MANY "BOY SCOUT" OPTIONS LEFT, STEVE.


YOU RISK SPLINTERING OUR BONDS ON THE EVE OF OUR ASSAULT?
DON'T YOU RISK OUR LIVES BY REFUSING TO OPEN A DIMENSIONAL GATE DIRECTLY TO APOCALYPSE'S TOWER?
THE DANGERS WITHIN THE REALM OF DORMAMMU ARE GREATER THAN THE RUINS--IT STANDS ONLY AS A LAST RESORT.
THEN, USE THE EYE OF AGAMOTTO! GUIDE ME TO THE MOMENT OF THE ANOMALY--I COULD STOP LEGION FROM MURDERING XAVIER AND MAGNUS --NONE OF THIS WOULD HAVE TO BE!

I HAVE STRUGGLED WITH THE URGE TO REPAIR THE ANOMALY.
STEPHEN STRANGE CHOSE TO LET IT BE. WE MUST DEFER TO HIS WISDOM.
YOU MUST FOLLOW THE PLAN--TOMORROW NIGHT WE ATTACK.

"THE DEFENDERS SOON APPROACHED THE STRONGHOLD OF APOCALYPSE..."
WE'LL WANT TO AVOID PERIMETER PATROLS TO PRESERVE STRENGTH.
THE TOWER HAS GROWN. IT IS LARGER BY MANY TIMES THAN WHEN I LAST GET EYES ON IT.

GROWTH IS THE SOLE PURPOSE OF EVIL, COLOSSUS.
I CANNOT HELP BUT IMAGINE THAT IF WE HAD GATHERED TO OPPOSE HIM A YEAR PRIOR, NONE OF THIS--
--AND IF IT HAD RAINED CHEESEBURGERS, I WOULDN'T HAVE HAD MOLDY SPAM FER LUNCH.
THAT KINDA THINKIN' AIN'T GONNA GET YA NOWHERE, PETE-- FOCUS ON THE NOW.


OWEN, YOU OKAY, BUDDY?
HEY. YEAH... I MEAN, NOT REALLY BUT...
DON'T DOUBT YOURSELF.
TODAY YOU CHANGE THE HISTORY OF MAN.
AH-- WILL YA LOOK AT THIS?

I AIN'T SEEN THIS SINCE BEFORE REED AND SUZIE WERE...
...DAMN IT. IF WE'D JUST LET APOCALYPSE MAKE US INTA HIS FOUR HORSEMEN, THEY'D STILL BE HERE...
...BUT THEN I GUESS I'D BE THE ONE ABOUT TA FACE THIS FEARSOME CREW.
YANCY

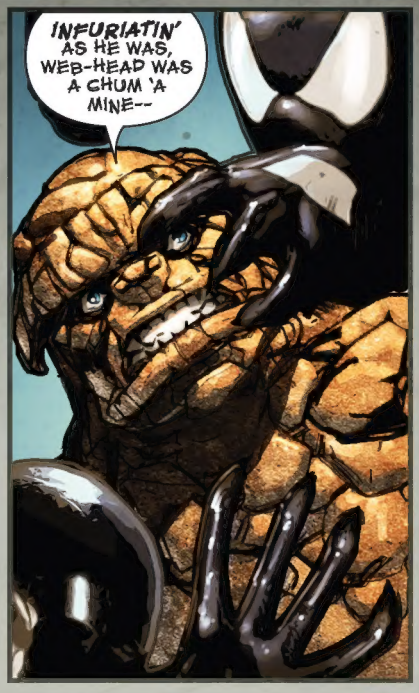
I'D RATHER FACE DA ENTIRE SKRULL EMPIRE THAN TAKE ON YOU AN' THAT HAMMER.
THEY'RE IN A BETTER PLACE, BEN.
KEEP THEM IN YOUR HEART TODAY-- WE'LL NEED THEIR COURAGE.

HOLD UP.
sniff sniff
CAN'T PLACE THE SCENT, BUT IT'S FAMILIAR...
GUNK'S CRAWLIN' UP MY BOOTS!
TOPSIDE AS WELL.
GET BACK DOWN HERE, BRIAN--WE NEED TO MAINTAIN ZERO VISIBILITY.
DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME TWICE!
DAMN! IT'S NO GOOD--I'VE GOT DOZENS OF BOGIES COMING FROM ALL SIDES!
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS...

THEY HAVE LIMITED CONSCIOUSNESS. FROM WHAT RESIDUALS I CAN READ, THEY'RE CLONES OF SOME KID NAMED PARKER...THE SPIDER-MAN.
DIDN'T NEED A TELEPATH TA FIGURE THAT ONE OUT.
WHERE WE STAND ON MURDERIN' CLONES, CAPTAIN ETHICAL?
SWIPE

LETHAL FORCE!
NONE OF THESE CREATURES ARE PETER--

YOU LADS WANNA DANCE-- I'LL GUT YOU FROM HEAD TA HIPS.


INFURIATIN' AS HE WAS, WEB-HEAD WAS A CHUM 'A MINE--

--AN' NOBODY LIKES A CLONE.
CRUNCH
TO ENTER THE KINGDOM OF APOCALYPSE...

...IS A WILLING MARCH TO SUICIDE!
HOLOCAUST!
HOGANTHIUM LEV TORIUS--I COMMAND YOU HALT!
NATHAN, GET INTO THE MONSTER'S HEAD! SHUT HIM DOWN!
HIS MIND'S FORTIFIED--PSIONIC ATTACKS WON'T WORK!
DAMN IT--WHERE'S OWEN?!
NOTHING CAN SAVE YOU!
GHA--!

HEARD THAT BEFORE.
FOOOM
RHA--!
LISTEN TO ME, VOODOO--WE CAN'T BEAT HIM--WE NEED TO ENTER DORMAMMU'S REALM!
YOU CANNOT PERCEIVE THE WEIGHT OF THIS REQUEST!
WHAT IDIOCY IS THIS?! A FEEBLE MORTAL COWERING WITHIN A TIN-CAN!
BLAZAT
A QUAINT ATTEMPT AT ARROGANT BRAVADO, YANK.
THWIP
THWIP
BUT STILL NOT CONVINCING--I'M A BRIT, WE BLOODY WELL INVENTED SMARMY!
DIE SECURE IN THAT LOFTY ACCOMPLISHMENT!
PAL--IF YA'D TAKEN A SECOND TA LOOK...

SHOULD WE ASSIST MR. BRADDOCK WITH A FASTBALL SPECIAL?

YOU KNOW ME, I NEVER TURN DOWN A RIDE.

SAURON-- GET HIM OUT OF THERE!
BEN, WE CAN'T DEFEAT HIM! WE NEED TO GO!
YEAH, I HEAR YA, BUT MY DANCE PARTNER MIGHT NOT BE QUITE READY TA SAY GOODNIGHT--
IN FACT--
--WE WERE JUST FINISHING.
BEN?
NO!
GODLESS MONSTER-- YOU WANTED A FIGHT?!
DA-- AND HE SHALL HAVE ONE!
YERAGH--!
PETER!
WE'RE BEING KILLED HERE, DO IT!
SERINTORA! MANTILARIOUS! DORMAMMU RALIGATORUM...

DOUBT THIS'LL END WELL.
WE'RE LEAVING, STEVE!
NO! THAT MONSTER'S GOT TO BE DEALT WITH!
PERHAPS-- BUT NOT TODAY.
FOCUS ON THE MISSION-- WE ALL KNOW THE PLAY.
I DON'T BELONG HERE, I DON'T BELONG HERE, I DON'T BELONG HERE...
COLOSSUS... BEN...
ALL OF US TOO, STEVE.
NOBODY GETS OUT ALIVE.
BELANDORUM PENNGELLIUM!
NATE--SCAN THE PORTAL AND MAKE CERTAIN I'VE DIRECTED IT TO THE CHAMBER OF APOCALYPSE.
IT'S GOOD, RIGHT WHERE WE WANT TO GO.
I DON'T BELONG HERE, I DON'T BELONG HERE, I DON'T BELONG HERE...
NONE OF YOU BELONG HERE!

JERICHO DRUMM? THE BROTHER VOODOO?!
YOUR REALM OF ORIGIN MUST BE IN A SAD STATE INDEED IF YOU ARE ALL THAT COULD BE MUSTERED TO SERVE AS ITS SORCERER SUPREME!
YOU'RE GOIN' DOWN, PAL!
NO!
INSECT!
YOU DARE ATTEMPT TO ASSAULT ME IN MY OWN REALM--!
EVERYONE-- THROUGH THE PORTAL!
I WILL RESTRAIN HIM!
WE WON'T LEAVE YOU HERE, JERICHO!

THEN WE WILL ALL DIE!
WE'VE NO CHOICE, STEVE!
NO! NO MORE RUNNING!
HA-- OH, YES THIS MIGHTY SORCERER SUPREME WILL RESTRAIN ME.
OWEN, GO NOW!
SUCH A HOLLOW MOCKERY!
DO NOT UNDERESTIMATE ME, DORMAMMU!
PLEASE.
HOLUMGANT LETARTHIUM!
I'M SORRY, JERICHO--!
NO!
I NEED THE EYE OF AGAMOTTO.
NATHAN-- GHA!

THE TEMPLE OF APOCALYPSE.
FOUR HORSEMEN SMASH!
ON THIS DAY, ALL THOSE YEARS AGO, APOCALYPSE RAINED ARMAGEDDON ON EVERY LIVING SOUL.
EVERYTHING WE HELD DEAR WAS CRUSHED. EVERYONE WE'VE EVER LOVED-- SLAUGHTERED.
APOCALYPSE ROBBED US OF OUR LIVES.
TODAY...
...WE ROB HIM OF HIS!
WELL, THAT'S A RIGHT PRETTY SPEECH.
WE'LL MAKE IT YER EPITAPH!
GRAKKKM
NO.
DEFENDERS--- TAKE IT TO 'EM.
NO MERCY!

ZERZERZERZER
FOCUS ON HULK!
GHRA!
IF THE BRUTE IS YOUR FOCUS THEN YOU'RE UNPREPARED FOR THE FEROCITY OF THE PROTECTOR OF ATLANTIS!
THWAK
OOF--!
TO KEEP ATLANTIS FREE, I WOULD FIGHT FOR THE DEVIL HIMSELF--
YEARGH!
SMASH
CONGRATS, BUB--YOU'VE DONE JUST THAT.
VILE INTRUDERS!
RHA--!
BERZAT

HULK KILL PUNY HUMANS!
THIS HAMMER SAYS DIFFERENT, BRUCE.
COME ON, OWEN, WE'RE GONNA FINISH APOCALYPSE.
OWEN--WE NEED YOUR HELP!
KRUNCH
TIN-MAN NO SERVE APOCALYPSE--TIN-MAN DIE!
BOOM

APOCALYPSE.
FINALLY.
COME NOW, SURELY YOU DON'T IMAGINE YOUR ARRIVAL TO BE UNFORESEEN, NATHAN?
I HAVE ALWAYS KNOWN THE SUMMERS GENE POOL WOULD PRODUCE GREATNESS.
CEASE THIS POSTURING. ACCEPT YOUR LEGACY AND CLAIM YOUR RIGHTFUL POSITION AT MY SIDE--YOU HAVE EARNED THIS.
EARNED...YEAH, I FORGOT YOUR CREDO THAT ONLY THE STRONGEST DESERVE TO SURVIVE--
WELL, MEET OWEN REECE, WITH ME IN HIS HEAD--HE'S STRONGER THAN YOU.
SHUNK
THESE CHUMPS ARE DONE--GO SEE ABOUT THE KID.
NATHAN--WHAT'S YOUR STATUS?!
SHOOSH
MOTHER OF GOD...

STAY OUT OF MY WAY!
THIS IS OUR ONLY CHANCE TO SET IT ALL RIGHT--TO BRING BACK EVERYONE HE KILLED!
IT'S SO SIMPLE, STEVE...I'VE MADE OWEN OPEN THE EYE OF AGAMOTTO TO CREATE A PORTAL TO THE MOMENT XAVIER WAS MURDERED!
I'LL BE PROTECTED BY APOCALYPSE'S ARMOR--I CAN FIX THIS!
NO! STRANGE KNEW IT WAS A MISTAKE--I WON'T LET YOU DO THIS!
ZZZKT
NO!
IDIOT--THE PORTAL WILL DRAW THE ENERGY!
ZERTHOOM
I CAN STOP THIS--I CAN USHER IN A GOLDEN AGE!
THE WORLD DOESN'T NEED ANOTHER TYRANT!
THWSHING

WHAT AM I LOOKIN' AT HERE, STEVE?
HE THOUGHT THE ENDS WOULD JUSTIFY THE MEANS.
YOU TALKING 'BOUT APOCALYPSE OR THE KID?
BOTH.
WE GONNA JUST LET THIS THING CLOSE?
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT WE'RE GOING TO DO.
"USING OWEN REECE AND THE EYE OF AGAMOTTO, NATHAN HAD SUCCEEDED IN OPENING A GATEWAY TO THE PAST.
"UNBEKNOWNST TO HIM, IT WAS NOT A GATE TO THE PAST OF HIS WORLD--BUT AN ALTERNATE UNIVERSE.
"THE BOLT OF LIGHTNING CAPTAIN AMERICA HAD INTENDED FOR NATHAN PASSED THROUGH THE PORTAL, WHERE IT KILLED THOUSANDS, SETTING IN MOTION THE EVENTS RECALLED AT THE BEGINNING OF THIS TALE.
"NATHAN SUMMERS INTENDED ONLY TO SET THINGS RIGHT.
"TRAGICALLY, BY REFUSING TO HEED THE WARNINGS OF OTHERS, WHAT HE ACHIEVED THAT DAY WAS TO PERPETUATE THE HORROR HE SOUGHT TO HALT.
"NATHAN'S PRIDE, HIS SINGLE-MINDEDNESS, BEGAN AN ANOMALY THAT HAS SPREAD LIKE A CANCER THROUGH THE MULTIVERSE--A DOMINO EFFECT, ROBBING COUNTLESS MORE WORLDS OF THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF CHARLES XAVIER AND ERIC MAGNUS."
ONE MAN'S BEST INTENTIONS ARE NEVER BEST FOR EVERYONE. IN ONE MAN'S VERSION OF THE PERFECT WORLD THERE WILL ALWAYS BE CASUALTIES TO BE SUFFERED FROM ITS CONCEPTION.
IT IS BEST TO LOOK FORWARD AND WORK TO BETTER THE CURRENT SITUATION, REGARDLESS OF HOW BLEAK IT MAY SEEM, THAN ATTEMPT TO UNDO WHAT HAS BEEN DONE.
THIS IS ALL ACADEMIC, OF COURSE, AS I CANNOT SHARE THESE THOUGHTS WITH THOSE WHO WOULD BENEFIT FROM THEM--FOR IT IS MY CHARGE ONLY TO WATCH...
THE END

ALTERNATIVE EPICS: WHAT IF? 2006!

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Last year's WHAT IF? event focused on stories that all took place in a specific universe. We observed a Namor who grew up on land, a Reed Richards loyal to Stalin's Soviet regime, a stoic Thor who made a soul-crushing deal with Galactus and much, much more.

This year we look at the alternate paths of some of Marvel's biggest events in recent history, asking questions that have been gnawing at the minds of readers since the epics concluded: What if Wolverine had never broken free of The Hand's control? What if mutantkind had neither of their greatest leaders to guide them? What if the Scarlet Witch's systematic dismantling of the Avengers was manipulated from within the team's most trusted ranks?

Over the next 60 days, the answers to these and many more questions will leave you with jaw-dropping awe and mind-numbing amazement. You may want to see more, you may be stunned silent by the revelations, you may wish you'd never cracked open the cover to see the "truth," but whatever the case—once you have a taste of the alter-life—you'll always be asking "What if?"

-Mark Paniccia

By Jeff Parker and Aaron Lopresti

WHAT IF? AVENGERS DISASSEMBLED

"The Avengers have the same unfortunate tendency as ordinary law enforcement. Once we have a perpetrator to hang the crime on, we look no further."

- Dr. Hank McCoy

It was the darkest day in Avengers history. Heroes died, the Mansion was destroyed, and the team came to an end. But when the Beast and Ms. Marvel do a "Holmes and Watson" style investigation, they discover the Scarlet Witch had a shocking partner in crime. Cover by Aaron Lopresti.

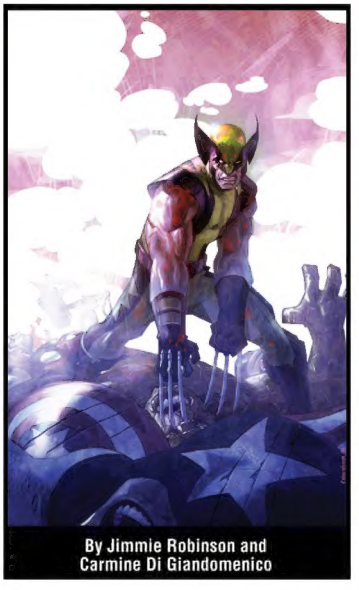
WHAT IF? SPIDER-MAN: THE OTHER

In "The Other," Peter Parker returned from the dead and embraced his "inner spider." But what if he rejected this destiny? What outside forces would come to his aid and what kind of Peter Parker would come back to the land of the living?

By Peter David and Khoi Pham

WHAT IF? WOLVERINE: ENEMY OF THE STATE

What if the world's deadliest killing machine was never de-programmed? Over half a year has passed since The Hand took control of Wolverine, forcing him to assassinate one great hero after another. Now only a handful of super-powered beings are left to stop him. Who will risk their life to end the path of death and destruction? Cover by Doug Alexander.



By Jimmie Robinson and Carmine Di Giandomenico

WHAT IF? X-MEN: AGE OF APOCALYPSE

What if Legion killed Magneto and Xavier? With no leader to create any incarnation of X-Men to resist the onslaught of Apocalypse, the new world is a horrific finalized vision of Apocalypse's

By Rick Remender and Dave Wilkins

dream. On the dawn of the anniversary of the murders of Magneto and Xavier, we follow a small group consisting of Earth's remaining heroes, led by Nate Summers, as they stage a final offensive in an attempt to escape this twisted reality altogether. Cover by Marko Djurdjevic.

WHAT IF? X-MEN: DEADLY GENESIS

In the best-selling and history-making mini-series *X-Men: Deadly Genesis*, Professor X sent a secret team of young mutants to rescue the X-Men from the living island, Krakoa, before he sent the now-famous All-New, All-Different team. This secret second team was destroyed and eventually led to the deadly corruption of its powerful leader, Vulcan. But what if this second team HAD survived? Today, Vulcan is a celebrity hero who leads a new team of X-Men. But when Krakoa is found drifting in space, it holds a terrible secret that threatens the fate of this new generation of mutants. Cover by David Yardin.

By David Hine and David Yardin

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